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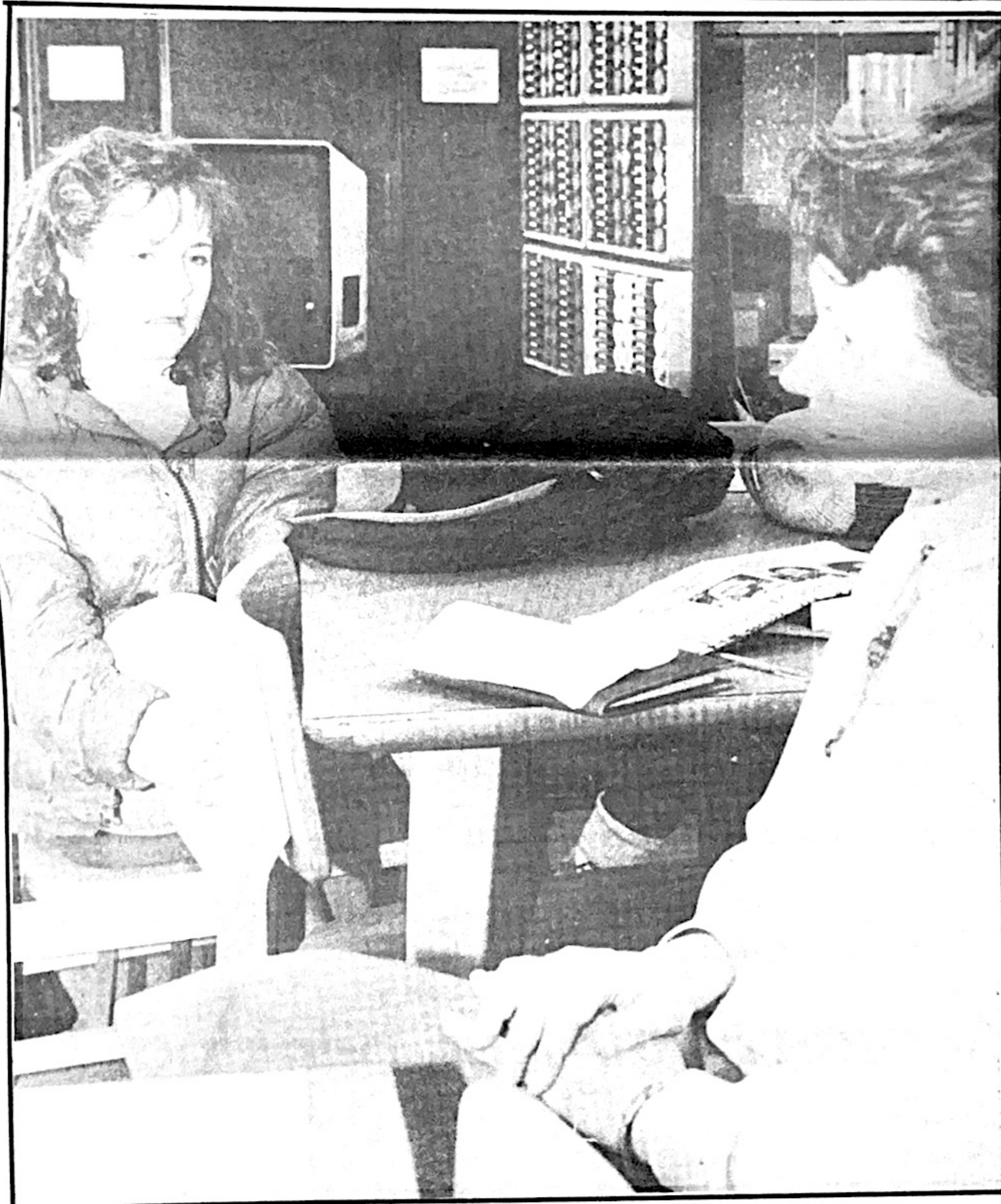
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Senior forms Amnesty group

After gaining inspiration from the "Conspiracy of Hope" concert which benefited and promoted Amnesty International, and attending Amnesty-Cleveland meetings, senior Rowland Brucken decided to establish Amnesty as a campus group at Shaker.

"I read a number of articles about Amnesty in the Plain Dealer, and after doing some independent research, I decided to start a group here. I am hoping to start a chapter which will make Amnesty a campus organization," Brucken said.

Amnesty International, London-based human rights organization, works to free political prisoners, guarantee fair trials and end torture and execution.

"We work on behalf of people arbitrarily detained by their government," said the city-wide group's spokeswoman Elizabeth Dreyfuss, who led Shaker's first Amnesty meeting Dec. 3.

Amnesty's techniques consist of written appeals to the leaders of countries known to have violated the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This document asserts the rights of families and children, the freedom to move and reside anywhere in the state, and the unlawfulness of arbitrary arrest, detention, and exile.

Dreyfuss believes the strength and effectiveness of letter writing is "something about the light of day"; public knowledge of torture often acts as a deterrent to its continuance.

Other strengths, according to Dreyfuss, are Amnesty's impartiality to political systems and their advocacy only of cases where the "prisoner of conscience has not used or condoned violence."

"North Korea and Albania are the hardest nations to acquire information on. Amnesty doesn't work well with a curtain of absolute impasse - there is simply no information," Dreyfuss said.

In addition to adopting prisoner's causes and internationally advocating human rights, Amnesty also offers "aftercare" to newly released prisoners, sending them money from a trust fund until they can become self-sufficient.

Hospitals in Montreal and Denmark, have been created to deal with torture victims, who not only suffer from electric shock treatment, brutal beatings, suspension of their body and manacled, but also experience long term effects. These effects include frequent depression, anxiety insomnia, and recurring visions of the trauma.

Amnesty believes that "bringing torturers to trial is important to limiting governmental use of torture, and establishing an international standard," Dreyfuss said.

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-Collin Moyaya



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News In Brief...

Based on figures from the first 47 days of school, the new attendance policy has increased overall daily attendance to 96 percent, up from last year's daily average of 82 percent. The number of failing grades has also decreased based on a comparison between June 1986 report cards and Sept. 1986 markings. The administration credits this improvement to increased daily class attendance.

Shaker ranked 33rd in the Midwest and fourth in Ohio in the total number of students taking the Advanced Placement exams last May. One hundred and fifty students from Shaker took almost 250 exams to receive credit for freshmen college level courses.

The Shakerite was awarded a national standing of ninth place in the Best of Show competition at the annual Journalism Education Association-National Scholastic Press Association convention this November in Chicago. Sports editor Peter Nagusky won an Excellence in Sports Writing award.

Members from the Senior Acting Ensemble will present "Songs in the Night," a performance based on writings from concentration camp prisoners, at the Allen Theatre on Dec. 11, 16 and 20. Vince Cardinal is directing.

Ruth White, sophomore, was selected as Shaker's Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Ambassador for the 1986-87 school year. She was chosen for her leadership and communication skills. HOBY's goals are to encourage students to look toward the future and to foster self-esteem and leadership traits.

The annual Martin Luther King Performing Arts Competition will be held on Jan. 18 in the high school auditorium. The competition, which is open to area high school students, deals with the theme of Love, Brotherhood and Peace as expressed through student recitation of speeches by Rev. King, through dance and through music.

Dennis Hogue, high school math teacher, received a service award from the Cleveland Touchdown Club and the Ohio Athletic Association for 17 years of officiating high school basketball games in Ohio and Massachusetts. Hogue received the award when he recently retired from officiating.

Interact held its Individual-a-Thon on Saturday, Dec. 6 to raise money for the Rainbow Katie Fund, which benefits terminally ill children. The event, which ran from 10 a.m. Saturday until that time Sunday morning, involved members performing activities of their choice for donations from individual sponsors.

The orchestra will be presenting its preview concert on Friday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the large auditorium.

A winter choir concert will be held on Friday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the large auditorium. Popular music from the 40's and 50's as well as holiday music will highlight the program.

Look for the Chanticleers caroling door to door on Dec. 20 as part of their annual activities.

compiled by Juli Alfred, David Ammons and Michelle Brode

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And the mistake of the day was...

In our last issue we incorrectly stated Byron Spicer was the president of the Broadcaster's club. Our apologies to Jill Schlesinger, the actual president.

Bott shares experiences on life in Soviet Union

by Joanna Mercer

English teacher C.J. Bott traveled to the Soviet Union with 31 other Americans representing the Association of Humanistic Psychologists from Oct. 16 to Nov. 14 to give presentations at various Soviet institutions.

Bott, being a member of the Association of Humanistic Educators was eligible for the trip. She applied and was accepted with another teacher from within the district. The other participants in the program, all involved in different aspects of education, were selected nationwide.

"I love to travel and will go anywhere," Bott said in response to why she traveled to the Soviet Union.

After stopping in Helsinki, the group traveled to Moscow, Leningrad and Tbilisi. In each city, they presented a program on humanistic education to universities. The Soviets and Americans shared their views and discussed the issues. The Soviets, however, did not always respond positively to the humanistic education approach.

"They just said it would not work. Just would

not work, and they didn't explain why," said Bott.

Beyond disagreements during presentations, the Americans enjoyed Soviet hospitality. Contrary to many American's beliefs, the Soviet citizens do not always follow their government's ideology.

"I was stunned by how friendly and open the people are," Bott said.

According to Bott, hospitality was shown to the Americans in many ways. The Soviets gave gifts and were very helpful, especially in an incident where a Soviet woman went out of her way to help the group find its way back to the hotel.

"Food in the restaurants was horrible," Bott said. "They are government run."

Bott also said lifestyles between the two nations are not drastically different. The standard of living is lower and there are fewer consumer products.

Bott also noted, "The toilet paper is like crepe paper."

Search begins for principal

by David Ammons

Superintendent Peter Horoschak and John Addison, administrative assistant to the superintendent, are heading the search for the next principal of the high school. The process began when C.A. Zimmerman announced his retirement effective June 30, 1987.

Horoschak and Addison have held meetings with the High School Parents and Teachers Association (HSPTA), the Committee on Secondary School Issues, the superintendent's advisory council and the high school faculty.

"We want the task of selecting a new principal for the high school to be a community effort," said Addison.

"My concern is for a principal who can best convey to parents, students and faculty the mission of the school, an administrator with vision," said Ella Lee, HSPTA member.

The advisory council, which is composed of students from both the high school and the middle school, agreed the principal should be able to speak well in addition to communicating well. He should be a "friendly dictator."

Reacting to criticism that no one from within the current administration is being considered for the position, Horoschak replied, "Yes, we will consider people from within the administration, but no one has submitted an application as of yet."

Does Shaker lack spirit?

Does wearing a sweatshirt bearing the name of a college or university show support for one's high school or anticipation for that which succeeds high school? Is an ineffectual attempt to look like one's sexual counterpart an advertisement of school esteem or an opportunity for certain students to display peculiar suppressions? Addressing the lameness of Spirit Weeks past and spreading their holiday high, a multitude of merry Shakerites conjured up some singular ideas for Spirit Week which merit consideration.

Beware teachers! We seek revenge for all of those violated flex nights which you thought you could get away with. Why not have an inviolable "flex week"? This would certainly cause a noticeable change in the monotonous routine which students suffer from day to day, and the teachers would no doubt enjoy a break from grading papers. So as not to deter the learning process, homework could be assigned as classwork.

As a compliment to "flex week", how about having a mid-week dance? This could be held in the evening from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the courtyard or in the gym. It would break up the week and would be even more interesting if those teachers of the

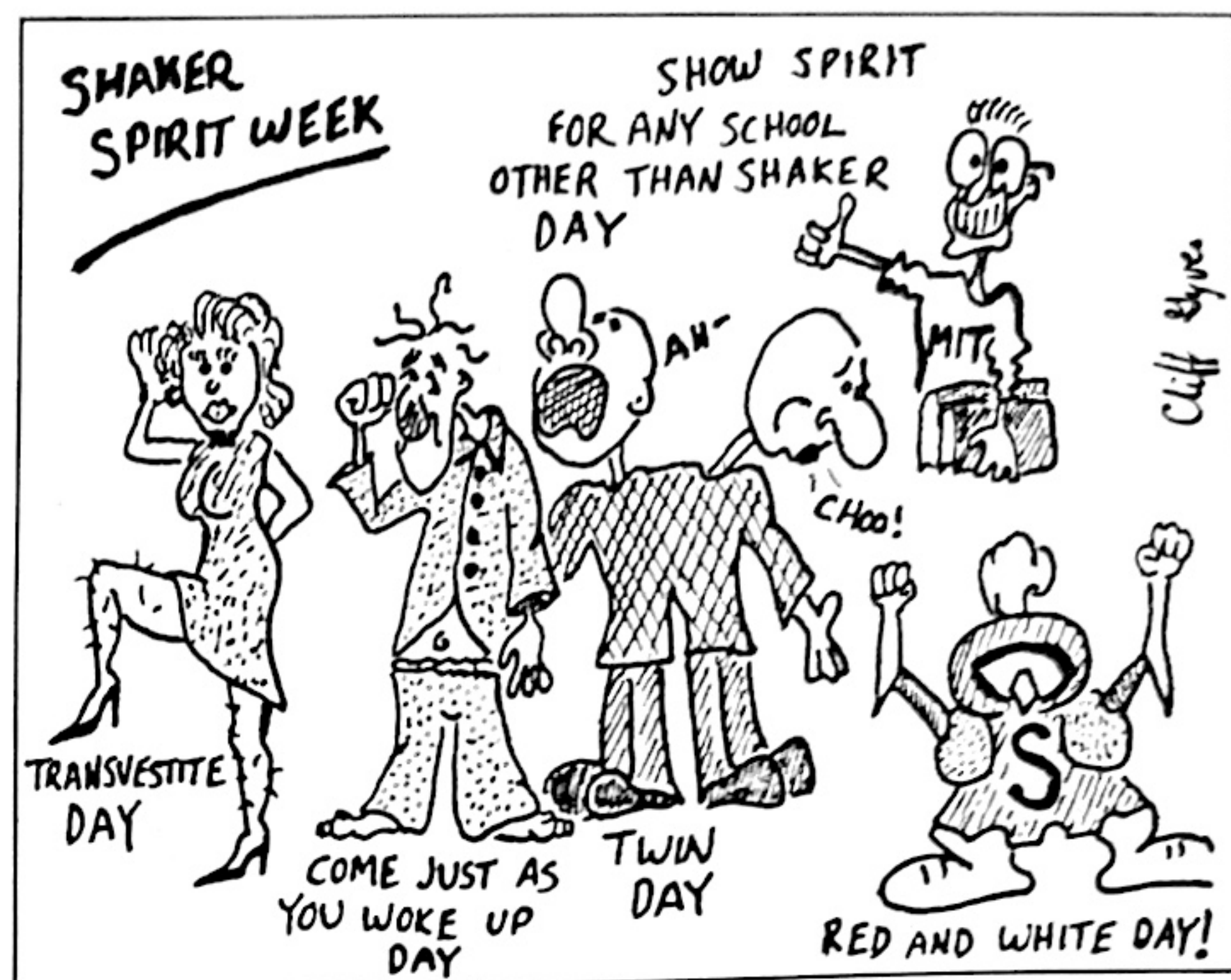
partying nature joined the celebration. After all, teachers deserve to get live too!

Meanwhile back at school, the lunch line in the cafeteria is thick with people waiting to buy their gyros. Seriously, how difficult would it be to make "steak-umed-lamb-in-a-pita" instead of corn dogs?

One final suggestion: hold Spirit Week the week before Homecoming Weekend, winter recess, or spring break. As is the case now, students at this time are too busy contemplating vacation to be able to complete any work effectively. Spirit Week would be a welcome addition.

With regard to attire, perhaps wearing red and white constitutes a show of school spirit, but, in all honesty, the clothing people wear fails to cause a dramatic increase in the morale of the average teenager. It takes a lot to please the "Pepsi generation!"

This may all sound too good to be true, but if the student council used its position to win the consent of the administration, surely these or similar proposals could be attempted. If not "flex week," then maybe "all class flex night" and if not a dance, then at least a pep rally. So what do you say Shaker? Go crazy!!!



Media spurs activism

by David Oppenheimer

What makes an issue important to a Shaker Heights student? There are issues in the world which many students find important. Apartheid, hunger in Africa, and hunger in the U.S. are causes which have interested Shaker students last year and, to some extent, this year. Yet, many people who became involved in organizations which dealt with such problems soon lost interest. Why? The reasons for this are many.

Causes often suddenly appear in the public spotlight for a time, only to disappear just as quickly. Public and media concern can shift from Israel to Russia to Africa with incredible speed. Many students find themselves swept up with this flood of concern. The concerns with the hungry of Africa and the hungry of the U.S. are examples of shifts in public attention.

Last year in this school, for about a week, there was great activity involving the hungry peoples of both Africa and the U.S. Students ate bowls of rice so they could understand how starving people felt. Also, students joined "Hands Across America." Then, quite suddenly, all of the enthusiasm seemed to evaporate. Today, people who were involved with the efforts to stop world hunger have forgotten about the issue.

At this time, no money raised by "Hands Across America" has gone to aid the hungry. Because of this, the city of Los Angeles asked for an accounting of the funds, but has not received it. This is an example of a sporadic media event not accomplishing its goals.

The period when most people became so active in hunger was the same period that the media was covering that subject. When the media stopped covering this topic, most lost interest. While some very commendable individuals still work to end hunger, they are not as numerous or as vociferous as when hunger became a media issue. The media is now focusing on issues such as Apartheid and the drug problem and so public attention shifted to them.

Next time, before going wild over a cause, think about whether or not the cause is important enough to stick with or if you are joining just because the cause is popular. If you understand, are excited about it and are willing to invest the necessary time, energy and resources to satisfy the demands which will be made of you in the name of that cause, join it and make the world a better place. Taking a cause and fighting for it is wonderful and part of what makes young adults special.

Hall pass -

Don't leave class without it!

by Lisa Billowitz

It's the ultimate Catch-22: you're walking down the hall, and a teacher stops you for a pass. You say, "I don't have a pass. I was just at the library (or counselor's office, or teacher's room)." The hall monitor tells you that you need a pass from this place. When you attempt to go back and get one, you're told, "You can't go there-- you don't have a pass."

In the past few months, I have missed extra-curricular meetings, appointments with teachers, and valuable study time because of the unreasonableness of many teachers on hall duty.

Teachers claim they can't allow you to walk through the halls without a pass because then they'd have to let everyone do it. So they share their heart-wrenching moral dilemma of discrimination, hoping to bore you or guilt-trip you into obedience.

However, I've noticed a different kind of discrimination occurring in the halls. Large threatening types are often allowed to travel unmolested, presumably because the hall monitors are afraid that if they stop someone and demand a pass, the student might ignore the teacher and continue on a path of chaos and destruction down the hall. This is damaging to a teacher's sense of authority.

That leaves students like me, short and wimpy-looking, at the mercy of overzealous teachers who see hall duty as their life's mission and give referrals as if they will be rewarded in the afterlife.

I do understand that teachers do not choose this activity voluntarily, and that most would much rather be playing poker in the teacher's lounge or doing whatever other lunchtime activities they might enjoy. However, for the sake of everyone's sanity and happiness, I suggest the following to teachers on hall duty:

1. Use your discretion. Some students actually have good reasons for wanting to walk through the halls. For instance, people rarely put up 10 pounds of choral concert flyers for the sole purpose of defying hall monitors. I personally can think of better ways to rebel against the system.

2. Anyone trying to get to the library or the counselor's office should be allowed to. Studying is important. So is seeing one's counselor and getting college applications in on time -- busy little elves that we are, lunch is often the only time we have to do these things.

3. Be aware that sometimes it is impossible for a student to get a hall pass. For instance, if he or she is coming from outside or from the lunchroom, it will be impossible to get to the teacher, counselor, or librarian who could provide a pass.

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PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Walk down any high school hallway and it's like free-riding the Love Boat

Some people love PDA, others loathe it, but no one can deny its presence

PDA penalties dwindle away

by Steven Michel

"What kind of a girl do you want people to think you are?" hissed the high school's Dean of Women to a vivacious young student. The year was 1960. The crime? Holding hands with a member of that mysterious group, the opposite sex. The plea? Guilty. The sentence? After-school detentions.

It may seem ridiculous but a couple of decades ago such outward displays of affection were forbidden in the high school halls. Well, times have changed. Those first innocent sprouts of PDA (Public Displays of Affection) have burgeoned into activities even a health class filmstrip would speak of in whispers. Although the "crimes" have become more explicit, the penalties seem to have diminished to nil.

Unit Principal William Trost says, "Rules come into play if actual sexual activity as defined by the courts (occurs), if any private parts are exposed."

The punishment for this is suspension and recommended expulsion.

There are no rules for milder displays of affection. Although some staff and students claim to have witnessed or heard of "actual sexual activity," these hormonal outbursts seem comparatively rare. However, PDA could apply to anything from hallway hand holding to corridor copulation.

Disciplinary response to PDA now lies in the hands of faculty members' own discretion.

When asked, most staff members were not specific, yet many admitted to having taken students aside and telling them their behavior was "inappropriate." Assistant Principal Isaac Smith divulged that one of his tactics is to ask the participants if they got their parents' "full approval before they left home. I usually get a negative answer to that."

Social Studies department head Terry Pollack says, "(PDA) is normal teenage behavior. It's kids seeking

new experiences and reaching out towards one another."

Yet even such free-to-be-you-and-me spirits as Pollack concede "there are some excesses to be aware of."

Health teacher Christy Russo comments on "excesses." "I'm sort of old-fashioned when it comes to that. I have no problems with holding hands or hugs, but sometimes it goes too far, people get carried away at their lockers."

Smith is a little more hesitant about where to draw the line.

"I don't want to place a limit," Smith says. "It hasn't been decided yet. Kissing has no place really. No embracing unless they haven't seen each other in a long time."

Trost says PDA can be a problem when it interferes with schoolwork or causes tardiness and cutting.

"Kissing and holding hands are discouraged by counselors if they become blatant," Trost says.

If a couple is obviously "infatuated with each other," Trost says he tells them to find a more private place.

The problem is there are so many vague terms and exceptions to the rules that the point of "excess" is hard to define.

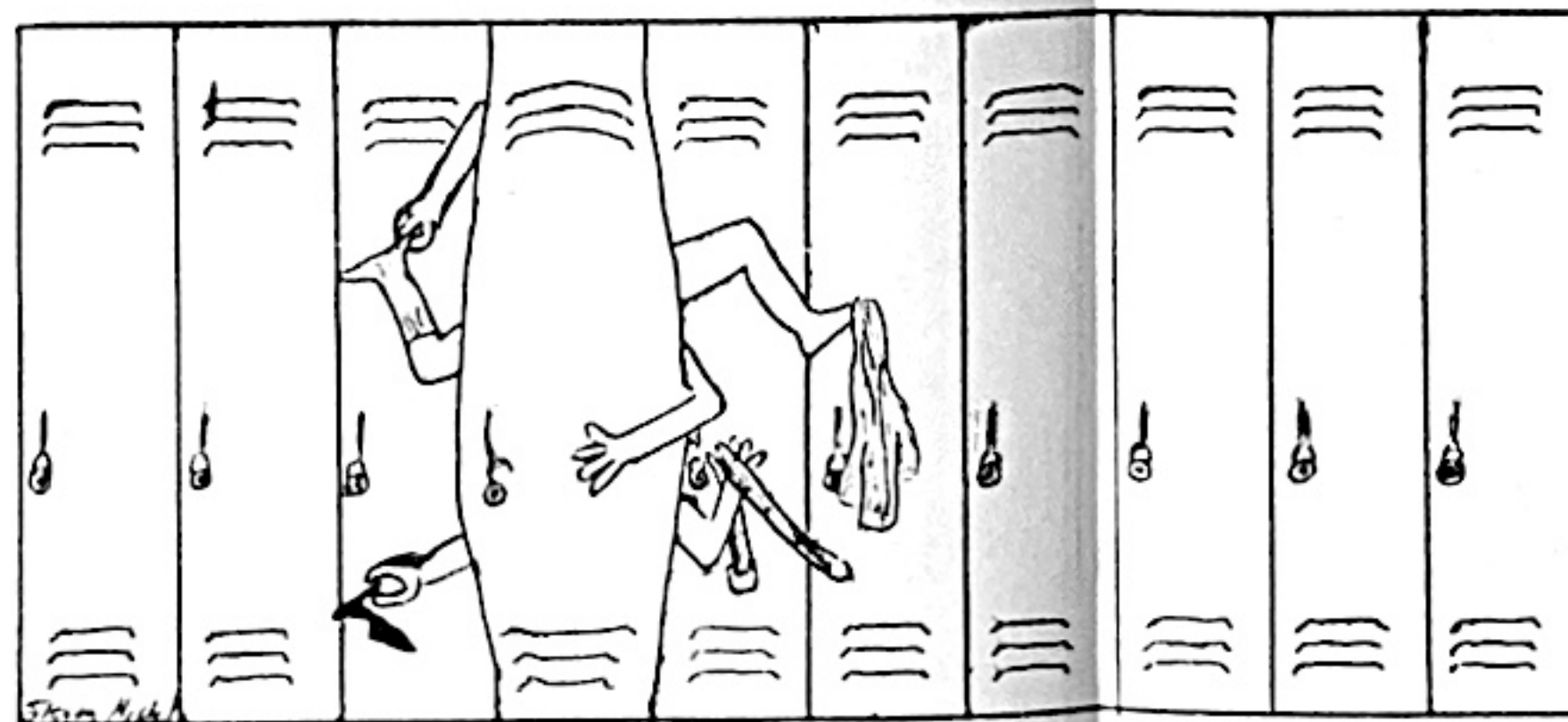
So despite the undeniable increase in PDA the penalty for it has slackened. Of course that is only to be expected. We are not living 25 years ago; things must change. But without any specific school rules involving PDA, staff reactions will continue to be varied.

Some staff members are lenient; some are more harsh. Some don't know, and some, well, they never knew.

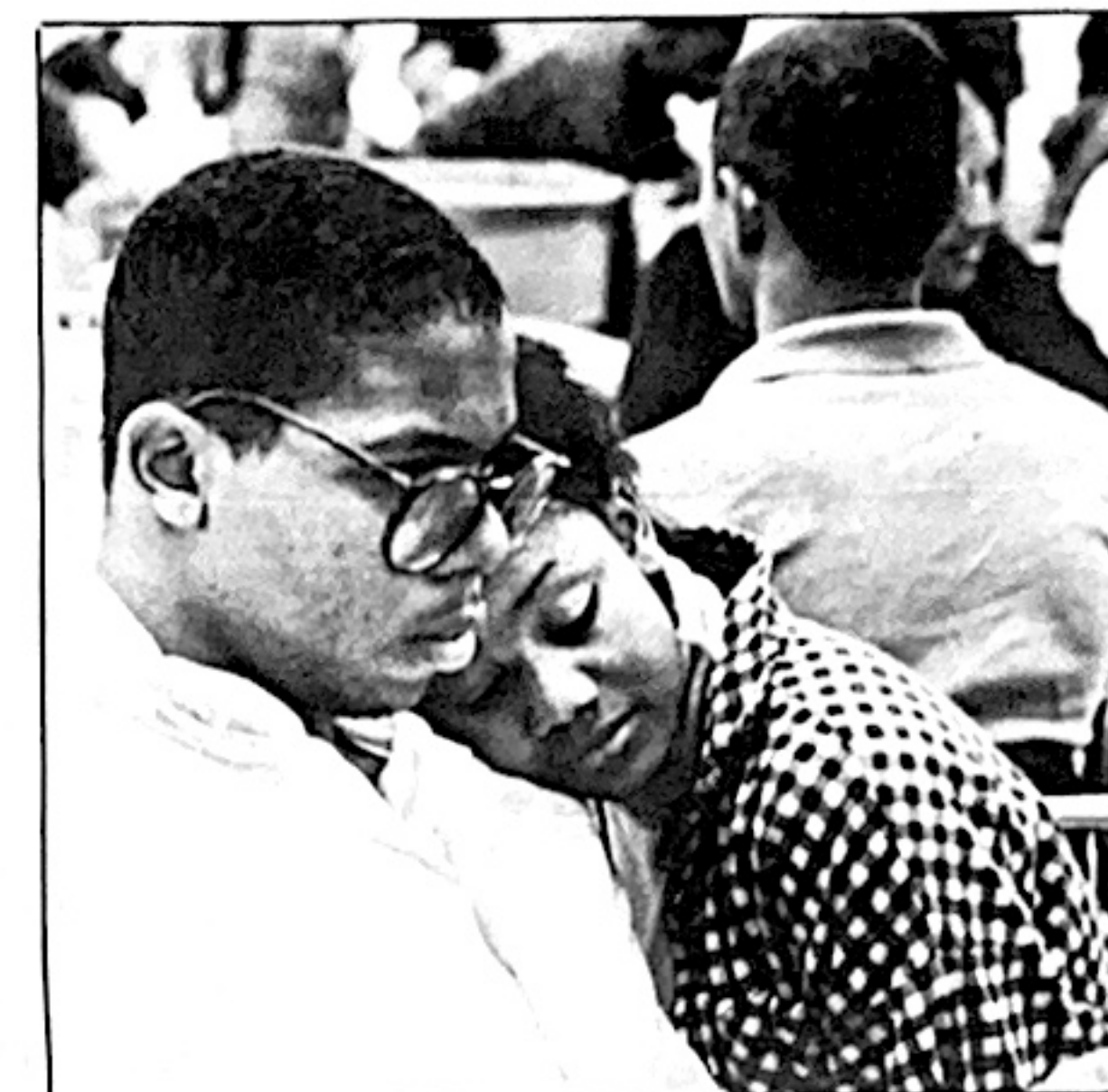
As French teacher Lynn Shima says, "Je suis jeune et innocente et je n'en sais rien."



To hug or not to hug? Such mild public displays of affection are generally accepted without much hassle. Here juniors David Kane and Tracey Steehler give each other a quick embrace between classes.



One faculty member suggested PDA in front of the lockers be replaced with PDA inside the lockers.



Sophomore Erica Myrick and Junior Brian Draper enjoy each other's company during lunch.

Guidebook to Sex Etiquette

With understanding come many victories

by I-Fan Go and Sara Levine

At last, a book on sex that doesn't need to be covered in a brown wrapper! Even Mom would approve. And it's written by students for students, packed with carnal knowledge, to help you discover the boundaries of hallway sexual behavior.

Sexual etiquette is a must. It's easy to get carried away in a fit of passionate lust, but sometimes for the sake of your audience you should stick to a simple peck on the cheek. Keep in mind the following rules.

Rule No. 1 Remember that when your hormones are flowing, hallway traffic probably is not. Be aware of how much space you take up.

"It's okay," says sophomore Terese Romano, "unless couples are blocking the halls. Sometimes they're a mile wide!"

"Don't stand in the middle of the hallway and get in people's way," says sophomore Janeen Moore.

Rule No. 2 Budget your time well. Break the Smoochathon Record (130 hours, two minutes of kissing) outside of school. You have only five minutes to get to your next class, anyhow, and you need some of that time to recover.

"A little kiss is okay," stresses junior Missy Hall. "Five minutes is not necessary."

Rule No. 3 Certain body zones are off-limits. Hands are okay, but it depends on where you put them. If you find yourself consulting a biology textbook to explore the other person's body, perhaps you've gone too far. Remember you have an audience; edit your performance so it's PG.

"It can be disgusting!" says junior Elaine Doll. "I can handle people giving each other a kiss good-bye, but not when they're all over each other. It's like, 'Ok, I'm leaving! Sorry to get in your bedroom.'"

How to deal with this sort of disapproval leads us to Rule No. 4.

Do not scorn wistful onlookers. Many would be happy to join in.

Rule No. 1. Remember that when your hormones are flowing, hallway traffic is probably not...

"I wish it could be me," says junior Marc Schenkel. "There's absolutely nothing wrong with it."

"My grandmother always said, 'If you can't beat 'em, join 'em,'" says one senior.

Others, however, may need a little prompting to enter the PDA scene. They sneer at those who participate or say they do not care.

"I wouldn't want to do it in front of everyone," says one sophomore, "but I don't have a boyfriend so it doesn't matter anyway."

"They look silly," says freshman Kathy Chang, "but I don't really care."

Beware these skeptics! Some house resentment and would not hesitate to seek revenge. Sexual activity can detract from the learning process and that is against school rules. Your classmates may try to report you. Rule No. 5 Consult a lawyer. Know your rights. Freedom of expression is guaranteed in the First Amendment, as is freedom of the press.

"PDA is okay, but there's a right place and a wrong place," says senior Mike Owen. So try not to fall onto a secretary's desk or rearrange the card catalog.

Wherever it is that you decide to publicly display your affection, keep the above five rules in mind. It is possible to titillate your mate in the hallways and still keep within the boundaries of good taste. Now that you know the correct moves and the reasoning behind them, use them for your advantage. After all, knowledge is power.

Moyaya, a witness to South African strife

by Paige Weber

Collin Moyaya, a junior at Shaker, knows the conflict in South Africa; he was born in Soweto and lived there until 1984.

He claims that he "didn't know much about politics" until June 16, 1976, the day of the Soweto uprising, when he first witnessed death. On that day, thirty thousand black students had staged a peaceful rally to protest the installment of Afrikaans as the national language. Police shot a 13-year-old boy, Orlando West. Riots quickly broke out, and "the township went crazy."

Army cars surrounded Moyaya's school to prevent children from rioting, but the children jumped out of the windows and "no one went home that night."

"We knew that if we went home they would find us with our families, and we did not want our parents to be involved," Moyaya said.

Helicopters patrolled the streets as kids threw petro bombs into the apartheid-supported liquor stores and rent stores of Soweto.

Moyaya and his friends went to a swimming pool and hid underneath some trees when soldiers came. They saw some older boys from the high school cut up a soldier with a chainsaw.

The following day, burning tires, cars and smoke filled the town. No one went to school; no one was outside.

Until that day Collin didn't care how white people lived. He did watch international TV and saw the living conditions of other countries. He also heard from an older boy that because

"So we did not stay at home -- we had to keep on being everywhere."

he was black, his education could never go above a certain level. But "the white way of life was none of (his) business." He was luckier than most black children, having his own bedroom and a three-year education in a neighboring country. In 1981 he returned to South Africa for four years.

After the Soweto uprising, however, Moyaya became more involved with the black young people's struggle against apartheid and the government.

"I'm only prejudiced to the person who's prejudiced against me. Ninety percent of the kids in South Africa hate white people who are prejudiced

against them. If we got freedom everybody would be equal. We have our freedom charter that says everything," he said.

In 1984 policemen went from house to house in Soweto. If the person inside refused to open the door, the policemen would shoot him or throw tear gas through the windows. If they found a youth in the house, they would beat him up.

"So we did not stay at home -- we had to keep on being everywhere," Moyaya said.

If kids stood in groups in the streets, police would assume that they were holding a meeting and would shoot at them.

One night Moyaya and three friends were standing outside his house. A police car pulled up and inside a man lit a torch. Moyaya ran and hid inside an oven until a friend found him and told him to go home.

1984 was the "black Christmas." The children of Soweto unplugged all the lights in the township. They stopped passing commercial trucks and cars by breaking their windows and demanded that the driver, black or white, open up the back. If the driver, often a middle-aged white man, refused, the black teenager would kill him.

"A white man always carries a gun,

so we have to kill him before we searched the truck," said Moyaya.

Moyaya plans to finish his education here and then return to South Africa.

"If I don't go back," he said, "that wouldn't be good. There are a lot of us all over the world, and we all want to go back."



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South Africans like Moyaya work to undo apartheid's realities.

Toys— the evolution of Barbie, Teddy

by Peter Routman

Remember the Decembers of old, when all of us would wish for our favorite toys? For high school students, the holiday gift list may not include any toys, but for our little brothers and sisters, they are as important to the holidays as VCRs are to today's teenager.

Nowadays, toys have taken a turn for the technological. Stuffed animals have evolved into animated playmates like Teddy Ruxpin, the talking teddy bear. Ohio Art has recently introduced the Etch-a-sketch Animator, a souped-up electronic version of the classic doodling tool. And instead of playing cowboys and indians with squirt guns, kids can now play Photon with infrared beams of light, computerized phaser helmets, and space-age sound effects.

"I remember playing with Legos, G.I. Joe dolls, and building blocks," said senior Harold Talley. "My sister still plays with a lot of old toys. It's just a few toys she has that are electronic."

Indeed, the popular toys of eight and ten years ago have not vanished; they've simply evolved. Sure, the basic Barbie doll, Lego, and Tonka trucks are still around, but what kid wouldn't rather have Rock 'n Roll Barbie, Construx (a motorized building set), and Transformers instead?

Technology is not the only popular



Topp's Garbage Pail Kids, avidly collected by youngsters, display the changing values of today's kids.

toy trend. It seems that the latest craze in the toy world has taken a turn for the grosser. The Madballs, a line of foam balls with hideous faces, are one of the more popular gross toys on the market. Slobulus, one of its members, is described by his manufacturers as "a gruesome drooler with one eye dangling for gross fun." No wonder kids love them.



The Madballs are just one of a growing number of "gross-oriented" playthings. It seems that the surge is due to the immense popularity of the Garbage Pail Kids stickers, introduced by Topps last year as a parody of the Cabbage Patch Kids, produced by Coleco. The cards, many of which portray mutilated and bloodied dolls, are now almost a

staple for the elementary school kids who so enthusiastically collect and trade them.

Many older students are disturbed by the disgusting trend.

"It's taking the emphasis off constructive thinking and it's building grotesque images of life in our nation's youngsters," said sophomore Steve Kleiman. "When I was growing up, I'd be doing constructive things like Legos, railroad trains, and playing in the sandbox. Now it's good versus evil, and good is taking the form of hostile things."

"I really think there's so much on the market that they need to come up with something different," one parent said. "Most kids aren't just satisfied with dolls and cars."

Whatever the case, one thing is certain; they don't make toys like they used to.

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Raiders try to halt Black and Gold reign

Win would put LEL ball in guys' hands

by Clark Khayat

If the boys' basketball team can elude losses as well as they can reporters, they should have no trouble breezing past the Heights Tigers on Saturday and stealing the LEL crown for themselves.

Unfortunately for coach Bob Wonson's Red Raiders, it will not be that easy. The Black and Gold, led by

BOYS BASKETBALL

Chris Beeman, Vada Burnett, Rosel Hurley, Greg Jackson, Sir Kellon, Chris Patinter, Antoine Russell, Oliver Scanell, Aaron Simmons, Cordell Stokes, Shane Wright

junior Tom Hall (all-LEL selection last year), has an excellent chance to keep the crown at their school. "Experience" is what Cleveland Heights coach Jim Cappelletti sees as his team's strength, with all but one player returning from his co-championship squad of a year ago.

Seniors Cordell Stokes and Greg Jackson lead the Red and White, with help from juniors Shane Wright and Chris Painter.

"Jackson and Painter are great! They work the floor really well and could provide Shaker with the edge it needs to win," remarks Cappelletti about the matchup on Saturday.

'I know (Shaker) works hard and it should pay off for them. They'll be tough!'

Coach Jim Cappelletti

"Shaker's coach is one of the best in the area. I know their team works hard and it should pay off for them. They'll be tough!" he adds.

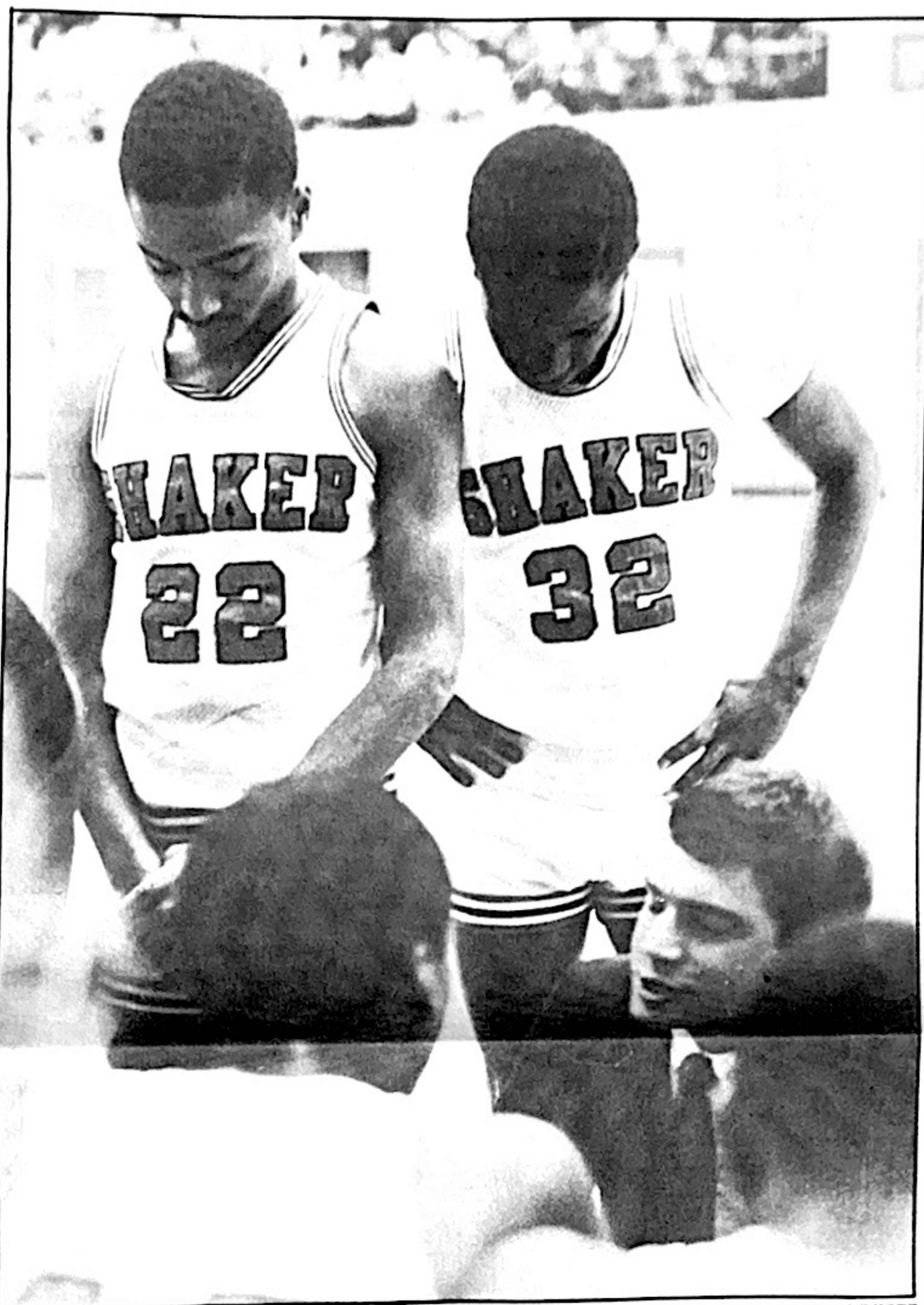
The Heights-Shaker game could prove crucial, but, as Cappelletti sees it, "the league is so strong and so well balanced that all the games will be important."

Unlike strategist Wonson, Cappelletti provided a prediction for the season, giving the edge to Shaw because of their "tremendous talent."

With returning all-LELs Roosevelt Wallace, 6-5 senior, and Reggie Kemp, 6-4 junior, the Cardinals might very well sneak away with "bragging rights" to what some feel is the area's strongest league.

About his Dec. 20 game versus the Raiders, Cappelletti explains, "We play the game on Saturday at one o'clock. People seem to have better things to do than come. It's really disappointing because they end up missing a great game."

But why do the fans miss out? Is it because nobody likes basketball, or could it be that the team doesn't publicize the matchup?



E. HURWITZ

The JV basketball team, like the girls' and boys' varsity squads, will have to think up a productive game plan in order to upset Cleveland Heights this week.

Turn around initiated; girls' victory a long shot

by Peter Nagusky

Coming off a tragic 1-19 season, Henry Woodard's girls' basketball team is looking for a quick way to develop into a contender amidst the mighty LEL. An upset at Cleveland Heights on Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. would rapidly solve their problems.

A husky, musclebound, 6-8 East German exchange student would be nice, or four more of Karna Williams. But, unfortunate for high school hoop fans, this is not possible. Instead, Woodard has to resort to realistic notions.

"A contender in the LEL," notes the fourth year drillmaster, "means girls at Shaker have to take basketball seriously and make it a priority."

Normandy coach Harvey Warner, who was in a similar situation with his squad a few years back, offers a simple explanation.

"You have to have talented girls. No one person can be blamed," noted the Raider-hater. "You just have to wait until a good group of kids comes along."

This winter, the girls wearing red and white, thus far, have made the most of their talent. Prior to Thanksgiving, they beat the stuffing out of a Bedford squad (according to last year's standards.) The 42-41 triumph, sans Williams, gave the Red Raiders a perfect record in the young season, high hopes for the weeks ahead, and some much-needed confidence.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Charlotte Anderson, Kim Boyce, Shelly Carter, Lisa Duffett, Edna Gillard, Teresa Hopper, Hilary Hughes, Kim Hutter, Richonda Pelzer, Lisa Smith, Erica Swanson, Karna Williams

Coach Tribble of Cleveland Heights speculates, "Shaker cannot be overlooked this year. They'll pull off some upsets."

The Raiders, who will pose a threat to

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Cold thoughts

JV, Freshman look forward to winter season

JV Notebook

by Pep Llinas

Shades of last year's reputable wrestling season are evident once again this year.

The record-breaking grapplers finished third in the LEL with a joint JV-varsity record of 11-3 in 1985-86. This year, sophomores Matt Toohey and Jon Smith, both coming from the freshman team, look to be top JV wrestlers.

"Our goal is to win the league," says coach John Schwartz.

Their strategic practicing and early morning weight training sessions foreshadow another successful campaign.

One group replete with team spirit this fall was the 7-2-1 field hockey

team.

Sparked by co-captains Katrina Schreiber and Kelly Sims, the lady Raiders held several parties and one "wakeup" breakfast. Underclassmen were hauled from their beds by seniors at 4 a.m. before breakfast which was in good fun and helped boost team morale and unity.

Freshman Notebook

by Austin Ratner

After a lot of serious practicing and hard work, boys basketball coach Joe Maisel feels his team will be prepared to meet the tough schedule ahead of them.

The high-flying squad is fired up and ready to tip off its season.

"We have a small team, very quick, very coachable, very athletic," says Maisel.

For the past six weeks, the girls basketball squad has been vigorously preparing for the winter.

"Our first goal is to put out a team that's going to be competitive in every game," claims coach Susan Donahue.

Both coach and players have seen a lot of changes and improvement in the team's ability, and if the group keeps up their aggressive attitude and effort, their goal will be easily attainable.

In the wrestling arena, coach Lester Foote has high expectations for the upcoming campaign.

By losing only one match (to University School), last seasons' eighth grade wrestling team has developed into an experienced and skilled freshman unit.

Their first match is Tuesday against Mentor Ridge. According to Foote, the highlight of the season will come during the Feb. 7 invitational tournament at Euclid.

Raider fall titles, honors plentiful

LEAGUE CHAMPS

The field hockey team blitzed through their league schedule, dashed away with trophies, and never looked back on their way to Columbus for state semifinal action.

To nobody's surprise, the girls' tennis team finished atop the LEL standings. They breezed through league matches with miniscule problems and not a set lost.

The soccer squad overcame a rugged non-league schedule with few injuries, and stumbled upon a league title. In the process, they put together a string of seven consecutive wins.

FIRST TEAMERS

The following Red Raiders were honored as first team all-league in their individual fall sports: Jennifer Bellon, Greg Cowan, Dan Craig, Lisa Duffett, Kristen Eppich, Matt Hartley, Hilary Hughes, Greg Jackson, Tonya King, Barb Lambert, David Leu, Jared Levin, Karin

Markey, Jennifer Pohl, Michael Ream, Samone Rhodes, Pat Saulters, Darin Saunders, Brian Spring, Cordell Stokes, Jill Tartaglia, and Jennifer Thomas.

OUR APOLOGIES

We apologize to the girls' tennis team for failing to mention their 5-0 win against Cleveland Heights in an article last issue ("Heights hypnotised, tamed by Raiders.") This year happened to be the fourth year in a row they have performed that feat.

COINCIDENTALLY

Last month's Shakerite came out just before the field hockey unit left for its trip to states. On the back cover, there was a picture of a former Shaker team (in "Looking Back at the Shaker sports picture album.") It just so happens that it was the 1978 team that Coach Linda Betley last took to Columbus. That is, the same team with now-JV coach Marilyn Dynys.

THE LINEUP

Next month's Lineup features coverage of the exciting hockey team. Hard hitting Brian Spring will be profiled, and the editor will take a look at the academic aid our high school students deserve and whether or not they get it. Once again, Jonathan Mester will take a look "around the oval."

Sedmak, Schwartz energize long slumping wrestling program

by Jonathan Mester

Dave Sedmak and John Schwartz begin their second year of attempting to revive a long slumping wrestling program. Their 11-3 match record last year marked the best a Red Raider team has finished in 20 years. Despite the loss of seven starters, the 1986-87 version could be just as strong.

including seniors Marty Levine and Tito Vasquez, each of whom compiled 19-6 overall records. Dependable sophomore Josh Nathanson, 17-6, and seniors Doug Hammann, Charles Rogel, and Jason Weiner will also provide experience to this season's group.

Attendance at home football games this fall dropped from last year's playoff season, according to Athletic Director Jerry Masteller. This was the result of a weaker home schedule. By hosting sub-par Valley Forge, Lakewood, and Garfield Heights, there was a lull in attendance.

Around the Oval

"Younger but possibly more talented" is how Sedmak describes his current squad.

Six wrestlers are returning.

Enterprise Turn-Around

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the Tigers reign as co-champions, are paced by five returning players. Senior Williams, a 5-10 guard whom Woodard feels will get 15 to 20 points a game no matter what, controls much of Shaker's chances Wednesday.

Williams missed a week of practice with strep throat, but she is expected to be 100 percent for the matchup this week.

She and her teammates have to face the tough man-to-man (or woman-to-woman, if you will) defense that Tribble's team employs. The defensive minded Tigers enjoy trapping at half court and have much success with it. They will be without senior Robin Blalock, however, who is lost for the season following knee surgery.

The injury leaves much of the heavy load on Tisha Hill's shoulders. The junior hotshot carries the unit, and usually gets double figure help from a few other Tigers.

It is a long shot that Shaker will topple Heights on Wednesday. But by sinking it, nothing could do more for the girls' basketball program right now.

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